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Jenna Talackova shows her passport that lists her gender as female at a news conference in Los Angeles Tuesday.

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Trump called on to change Miss Universe pageant rules

Reaction. Trump offers no apology and says he 'couldn't care less' if Talackova competes

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Embattled transgender beauty Jenna Talackova says the decision to allow her to compete in the Miss Universe Canada pageant is only skin-deep.

The organization seemingly reversed its earlier decision to disqualify the 23-year-old Vancouver model from the competition Monday "provided she meets the legal gender recognition requirements of Canada, and the standards established by other international competitions."

Talackova was disqualified March 23 on the grounds that she did not meet the pageant's requirement contestants be "natural-born" female — a rule her lawyer Gloria Allred called "blatant discrimination" at a Los Angeles news conference Tuesday.

Talackova called on Miss Universe owner and real estate mogul Donald Trump to be a leader in the fight against discrimination.

"I also want Mr. Trump to clearly state that this rule will be eliminated, because I do not want any other woman to suffer the discrimination that I have to endure," said Talackova.

Allred displayed Talackova's Canadian passport identifying her as a woman, and said her birth certificate and driver's licence match.

"We need a clear answer, not a wimpy, wishy-washy type of answer, but something that we can take to the bank," Allred said.

Talackova said she is still not sure where she stands with the pageant, which crowns its winner in Toronto on May 19.

The six-foot-one blond says she knew she was a female at the age of four. She began hormone therapy at 14 years old and surgically changed her gender a few years ago at 19.

Speaking to TMZ Tuesday afternoon, Donald Trump confirmed Talackova will be allowed to compete because she is a woman under Canadian law. "We go by the law, and based on the laws, she's able to compete if she wants to," he said. "There will be no apology whatsoever, and frankly if she competes that's wonderful, and if she doesn't want to compete because maybe she thinks she can't win, that's fine also. I couldn't care less."

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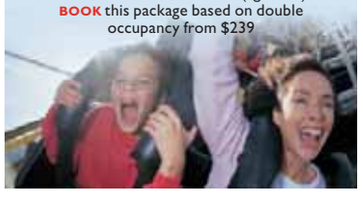

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Attacker avoids jail time in bus-driver beating

Decision. Del Louie gets 18-month conditional sentence for attack, but driver says it's not 'good enough'

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A Coast Mountain bus driver is disappointed and shocked that a young man who viciously attacked him at a Burnaby bus loop last year won't be sent to jail.

Del Louie, 22, who pleaded guilty to assaulting veteran bus driver Charles Dixon, was handed an 18-month conditional sentence, two years probation and 200 hours of community service.

"The decision wasn't good enough, the message wasn't strong enough," he told reporters outside court after the sentencing Tuesday.

Louie punched Dixon, 55, after being told not to board the bus by the back door. The punch shattered Dixon's orbital bone in two places.

Dixon, who has been assaulted 14 times over his 25-year career, said he would have liked to see Louie get at least three to six months in jail to serve as a deterrent for would-be attackers.

"I've had 14 months of house arrest. That's four months shy of what he gets and look at what he's done to me," said Dixon, who had fresh bandages on his face from his third surgery.

Dixon recently had to have his nose broken by doctors so he could breathe properly for the first time since the assault.

"There's nothing wrong with Del Louie's face," he added. "He doesn't have a plate and four screws in his face. He doesn't have a concussion … neck and back injuries and cognitive issues that will be with me the rest of my life. And yet this young man is allowed to get on with his life."

Dixon hasn't worked since the incident.

Crown counsel asked for nine to 12 months in jail, but the defence pushed for a conditional sentence, urging the judge to consider Louie's aboriginal status, troubled childhood and the fact he suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome.

Charles Dixon, a Coast Mountain bus driver, talks to reporters Tuesday after the sentencing of a young man who attacked him last year. KYLA JONAS/FOR METRO

A tribute to victim Wendy Ladner-Beaudry is posted at UBC's Pacific Spirit Regional Park in 2010. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

Three years later. Still no suspects in high-profile Ladner-Beaudry murder

Three years after a high-profile murder in the UBC Endowment Lands, police are appealing to the public for more information.

The murder of Wendy Ladner-Beaudry — a community organizer and sister of former city councillor Peter Ladner — on April 3, 2009, shocked residents of the family-oriented Dunbar neighbourhood in southwest Vancouver.

"In many homicide cases, there is a certain evidence trail that will lead us to who is responsible. In this case, you really are working off the tips that come in," said Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

Ladner-Beaudry was running near the entrance of Pacific Spirit Regional Park when she was attacked in midday, and police were soon confounded by the seemingly random killing.

"When you're dealing with 300 persons of interest that you have to investigate individually, it takes time to follow up with each one of those," Pound said, adding that IHIT still considers the file a high priority.

No suspects have since been identified, nor have police confirmed if the attack was random or targeted.

Anyone with information related to the murder is asked to call the IHIT tip line at 877-551-4448 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

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Protecting Trayvon

While vendors are profiting from Trayvon Martin merchandise, the teen's family has taken action to prevent offensive uses of his image. Watch the video at metronews.ca

Vaccine itching for approval

A new vaccine for poison sumac and poison oak is going to Phase 1 clinical trials later this year. More at metronews.ca

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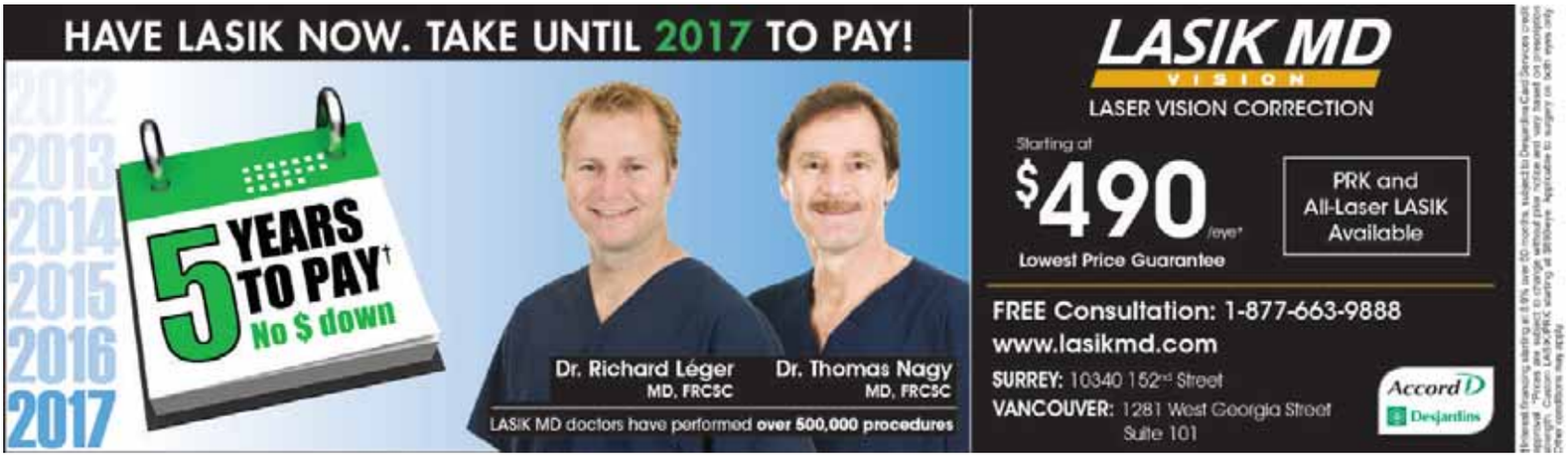

Are we laughing yet? Well, the United Nations thinks so

Oh, bliss. Canada's high in the happiness stakes, but money isn't everything, high-level worldwide experts declare

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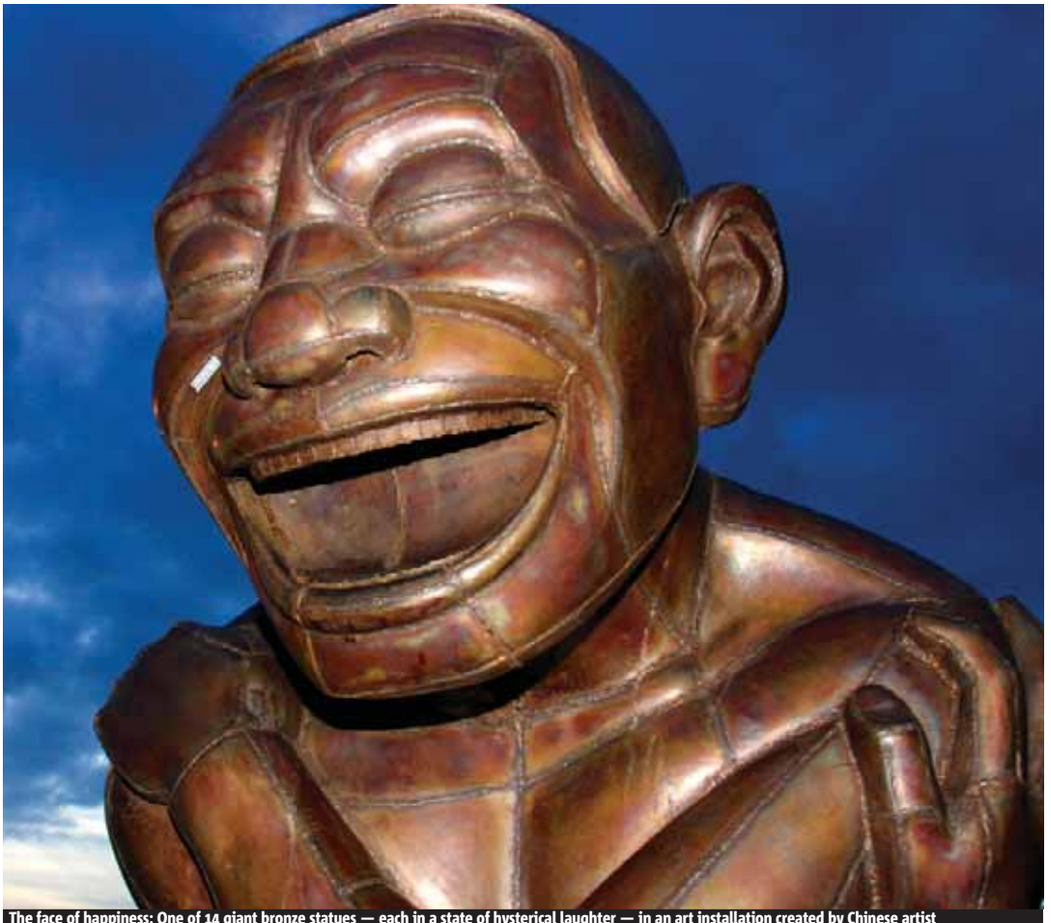

The face of happiness: One of 14 giant bronze statues — each in a state of hysterical laughter — in an art installation created by Chinese artist Yue Minjun called A-maze-ing Laughter in Morton Park near English Bay. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO FILE

Canadians are some of the happiest people in the world. The UN says so.

But the reason behind our national contentment has a lot more to do with a sense of community than with personal riches.

The United Nations World Happiness Report compiled survey data from hundreds of countries and discovered Canada ranks fifth in happiness behind Denmark, Norway, Finland and the Netherlands.

"We found that five main factors explained the difference between the happiest and least-happy countries — family and friends, good health, income, personal freedom, and living in a trustworthy environment," said UBC economics Prof. John Helliwell, who co-authored the report.

The report was commissioned for the UN Conference on Happiness, which calls on governments to measure their success with more than traditional economic indicators like GDP.

"We find out that income does matter, but it's not usually the most important thing. Income has a place in happiness," Helliwell said.

While richer countries tend to be happier, there is a levelling off that occurs once a comfortable level of wealth is achieved.

"Even if gains in well-being can be eked out by further income gains, the evidence is quite overwhelming that after a certain point, the gains are very small," said the report.

Mental health is the single biggest factor affecting happiness in any country and unemployment was found to cause the same level of misery as the loss of a family member or divorce.

According to a 2008 Canadian Economics Association report, Vancouver and Toronto are the least-satisfied Canadian cities, while residents of Saint John, N.B., are comparably blissful.

"Life is generally happier in the rural and urban communities and the Atlantic provinces," Helliwell said, adding Quebec has also seen a significant improvement in happiness in the past 25 years.

The authors of the report say their findings reflect a worldwide demand for happiness and the absence of misery as criteria for government policy.

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Forget the GNP, bring on Gross National Happiness

Should happiness figure in a nation's bottom line?

And should the concept of Gross National Product be replaced by Gross National Happiness?

Bhutan's Prime Minister Jigmi Y. Thinley told a high-level United Nations happiness meeting Monday that it not only should but that it must if mankind is to avoid its current unsustainable and self-destructive course.

Bhutan, the tiny Himalayan nation, tops Asia in the United Nations World Happiness Report.

It convened the meeting seeking to develop a new economic model based on principles of happiness and well-being.

"The GDP-lead development model that compels boundless growth on a planet with limited resources no longer makes economic sense. It is the cause of our irresponsible, immoral and self-destructive actions," Thinley said.

"The purpose of development must be to create enabling conditions through public policy for the pursuit of the ultimate goal of happiness by all citizens."

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Memories. Abbotsford will build monument to honour '07 crash victims

Abbotsford will build a memorial to honour three farm workers killed in 2007 when the van they and 13 others were riding to work hit a concrete median and flipped.

The 20-foot monument, designed by local artist Dean Lauze, will be made in the likeness of three women stretching their arms upward.

Lauze and B.C. Federation of Labour president Jim Sinclair presented plans for the monument to Abbotsford's city council on Monday.

Council voted unanimously to approve its construction.

Sinclair said Tuesday the monument is just the first step in addressing the issues of the crash, and changes to vehicle law should follow.

The monument will cost $12,000, which Sinclair said still needs to be raised.

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Charlie Lake. Outraged firefighters quit over distrust in new chief

All but two volunteer firefighters in the roughly 30-member department in Charlie Lake, B.C., have quit.

Firefighters in the northeastern part of the province handed in their pagers, protesting the actions of the Peace River Regional District, which fired the old chief and replaced him with someone they don't know without consulting volunteers. Trouble within the Charlie Lake department has smouldered for nearly two years, but flared when former Kimberley assistant fire chief Steve Munshaw took over April 1, to replace the long-time chief.

Firefighters say they don't know or trust their new chief, a paid, full-time staff member, or the recently hired assistant fire chief, who also receives a salary. Fire crews from Fort St. John or Taylor will respond to major incidents in Charlie Lake.

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Crime. Surrey man, 27, faces attempted-murder rap over brazen shooting

A 27-year-old Surrey man has been charged in connection with a brazen daylight shooting in Coquitlam last September.

Sukhdeep Singh Poony is facing six criminal charges, including attempted murder and several firearms-related offences.

On Sept. 28 the suspect allegedly targeted the victim, shooting him multiple times at a crowded Mr. Lube in the 2900 block of Barnet Highway, and fled the scene.

No bystanders were hurt, but the victim suffered life-threatening injuries.

Poony was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

The Mounties say investigators are continuing to work with Crown counsel.

Additional criminal charges against the suspect are being considered.

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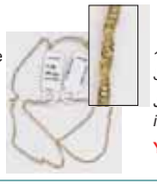

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Bear cub taken to zoo while fate is mulled

Seized. Winnipeg family hopes celebrity cub they nursed back to life finds a good home.

Bear cub Makoon (Cree for little bear) take a closer look at baby RayAnne at the Dubois home in St. Malo, Man., last month. CONTRIBUTED/RACHEL WALFORD

Conservation officials have seized a black bear cub rescued and taken home last month by a man in southern Manitoba.

Makoon, who has become a bit of a celebrity in southern Manitoba, is biding his time at the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg while government officials try to find him a new home in Ontario.

"I feel like crying," Rene Dubois said Tuesday afternoon, after a conservation officer and a biologist came to his house in St. Malo and loaded the cub up in a cage.

Dubois, 63, said he was told he can't visit the bear at the zoo but was given a phone number to call so he could check on his condition.

Dubois said it was a heart-wrenching goodbye that he wasn't prepared for, but he's glad the cub is going to a place where he'll be well taken care of.

"At least he'll have a chance," Dubois said.

The retired construction worker found the bear March 25 starving in a ditch along the highway outside St. Malo, a community about 70 kilometres south of Winnipeg.

He had been in talks with the Bear With Us sanctuary in Sprucedale, Ont., which had agreed to rehabilitate the cub as long as he could be released next summer back into the forests of Manitoba.

But that plan appears trapped in government red tape.

A spokesman with Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship says releasing the cub back into the wild is not an option, because he has had too much human contact.

Hundreds of people have showed up at Dubois's door in the past week asking to hold the cub and take photos.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Roadblocks. Wine lovers look to quash 1928 law

As the Conservative government aggressively pursues international free-trade deals, a decades-old rule hampering domestic trade has come under the microscope.

"Free my grapes" was the rallying cry on Parliament Hill on Tuesday as a committee heard from supporters of a private member's bill seeking to erase a 1928 rule that restricts people from bringing wine across provincial borders.

Shirley-Ann George ran into that problem when she was visiting B.C. and then tried to join a wine club through a vineyard there, only to be told the vineyard couldn't ship to her home in Ontario.

She decided to start up the Alliance of Canadian Wine Consumers to try to change it.

"You've got to be kidding," is the most common refrain from people first learning about the rule, George said in an interview.

"Most Canadians don't even know it is illegal. They think it's silly, archaic and it's time that the government started to think in the 21st century."

Bill C-311, to amend the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act, was introduced in the House of Commons last fall by B.C. Tory MP Dan Albas.

While Albas doesn't drink, he said the issue came up frequently during the 2011 election campaign in his riding of Okanagan-Coquihalla, which sits in B.C. wine country.

It emerged during all-candidates meetings that changing the law had all-party support, so when the rookie MP was elected, he introduced a bill.

The liquor law as written is akin to saying to carmakers in Ontario that they can make their cars there but can't ship them to B.C. or Alberta, Albas said.

"Dealing with outdated laws and making sure we basically set our businesses free is something that's very important," he said.

There are roadblocks.

While trade between provinces is a federal responsibility, liquor sales themselves are regulated by the provinces.

So even if the bill passes, the provinces can control how much people bring in.

Last year, Ontario's liquor-control board set up a policy that allows Ontarians to bring up to three litres of spirits, nine litres of wine and 24.6 litres of beer into the province so long as it is for personal consumption.

A group representing Canada's provincial liquor boards say the legal amendment to the bill is unnecessary because they can order wine from outside their borders for their customers.

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Stafford case. Autopsy unable to determine rape

Victoria (Tori) Stafford. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

WARNING: Graphic details from this court case may disturb some readers.

By the time Victoria Stafford's body was found — clad only in butterfly earrings and her Hannah Montana T-shirt with the words "a girl can dream" — it was so badly decomposed that it was impossible to tell if she was sexually assaulted, court heard Tuesday in London, Ont.

What is clear is that the eight-year-old died from at least four hammer blows to her head, and 16 of her ribs were broken or fractured, Dr. Michael Pollanen, Ontario's chief forensic pathologist, testified.

The slide show detailing the girl's autopsy was shown in court as part of testimony at the trial of Michael Rafferty.

Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, cried while the photos were on courtroom screens while her father, Rodney Stafford, left the room.

The Crown alleges Rafferty, 31, raped Tori before killing her, but Pollanen said that cannot be determined through the pathology.

The body was in a moderately advanced stage of decomposition, to the point where some parts had already become skeletonized, he testified. When she was found 103 days after she went missing, Tori's remains were unrecognizable, and had to be identified through dental records.

She had been wrapped in garbage bags and buried under a pile of rocks, forming "a sort of clandestine grave," Pollanen said.

She was lying in the fetal position on her right side with rocks as heavy as 50 kilograms on top of her, court heard.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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Quebec inferno claims two lives

Firefighters work on three buildings that caught fire early Tuesday in the Beauport suburb of Quebec City. The fire claimed at least two lives and destroyed three buildings. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Auditor general

Jet-fighter funds under fire

The federal government froze spending Tuesday on the multibillion-dollar plan to buy new jet fighters minutes after the auditor general produced a withering report accusing the Department of National Defence of keeping Parliament in the dark about spiralling problems with the F-35 purchase.

The government also announced it would take away DND's ability to buy new weapons systems and hand it to Public Works — all in an effort to shield itself from the ensuing assault in the House of Commons that followed the release of the report by new auditor general Michael Ferguson.

The Defence Department faced wide-ranging scorn over its management of the plan to buy 65 new F-35 radar-evading stealth fighters for what the military initially insisted would cost $9 billion.

The cost of the purchase is already the largest single purchase of military hardware in Canadian history and is likely to increase, Ferguson said.

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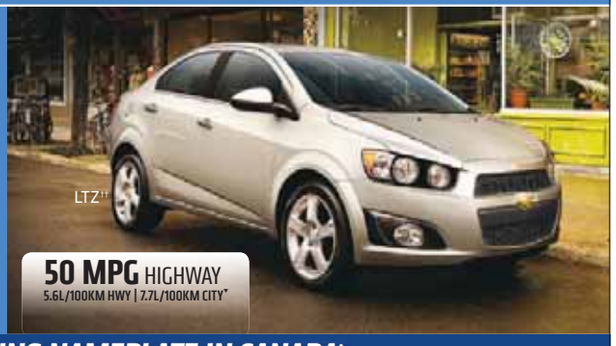

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Toronto crowned sugar daddy capital of Canada

Think your average sugar daddy is more like a grandpa? Think again, says dating website CEO Brandon Wade. ISTOCK IMAGES

Five-year study. Edmonton places fifth in number of sugar daddies per capita, just ahead of Ottawa

DELIA MACPHERSON
Metro in Toronto

Looking for someone to take you out on the town? Fly you around the world and pamper you every chance they get? Your best chance of finding that is in Toronto.

A recent five-year study shows that Toronto has the highest number of sugar daddies per capita than any other city in Canada. Calgary came in second, according to the study, while Vancouver placed third.

Seekingarrangement.com, an online dating site that pairs wealthy men and women with those interested in dating them, conducted the study with data from the Canadian census.

So what is a sugar daddy? The Oxford English Dictionary defines it as "a rich older man who lavishes gifts on a young woman in return for her company or sexual favours."

Brandon Wade, founder and CEO of the website behind the study, says the negative stereotypes surrounding sugar daddies aren't true.

"If you look at the stats, sugar daddies are in their late 30s, early 40s," says Wade. "Despite the stereotype, the real sugar daddy is much younger, very generous and wealthy."

Wade claims women want to be spoiled and pampered. Using a site like his is a way for women to differentiate the unemployed, lazy men from the wealthy men out there.

And wealthy they are. Wade says the average sugar daddy is worth between four and five million dollars, and has an annual income of about $200,000. Women are lining up for a sugar daddy, with 10 women for every one daddy.

"People might ask, 'Doesn't he just want sex?' All men at the end of the day want sex," says Wade.

How many are married?

38.9

The percentage of Canadian sugar daddies who are married. Brandon Wade says that married sugar daddies are often in a sexless marriage and the financial ramifications of a divorce make for a sticky situation. Most wives have no idea their husband is a sugar daddy.

Vancouver's numbers

Study shows Vancouver places third:

- In Vancouver, 1.51 in every 1,000 men is a sugar daddy.
- Locally, 32.2 per cent are married, lower than the national average.
- Their average income is $234,153.
- Their net worth is about $5.4 million.
- A Vancouver sugar daddy spends $4,113 a month on his sugar baby.

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Troops returning to bases: Syria

Ceasefire. Activists refute government reports of early pullout ahead of truce

Syrians wave flags and chant slogans at a protest against President Bashar Assad in a neighbourhood of Damascus, Syria on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian troops began pulling out Tuesday from some calm cities and headed back to their bases a week ahead of a deadline to implement an international ceasefire plan, a government official said.

The claim could not immediately be verified and activists near the capital Damascus denied troops were leaving their area. They said the day regime forces withdraw from streets, Syria will witness massive protests that will overthrow the government.

"Forces began withdrawing to outside calm cities and are returning to their bases, while in tense areas, they are pulling out to the outskirts," the government official said in Damascus, without saying when the withdrawal began. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

President Bashar Assad agreed just days ago to an April 10 deadline to implement international envoy Kofi Annan's truce plan. It requires regime forces to withdraw from towns and cities and observe a ceasefire. Rebel fighters are to immediately follow by ceasing violence.

Khaled al-Omar, an activist in the Damascus suburb of Saqba, denied that any withdrawal was underway in his area.

"This is impossible. I can see a checkpoint from my window," he said via Skype.

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Alone in cockpit. Elderly passenger lands plane

An elderly woman took control of a small plane from her unconscious husband that was dangerously low on fuel and landed it on a runway at a small northeastern Wisconsin airport, the facility's director said Tuesday.

Helen Collins, 80, had some flight training years ago but was not familiar with the controls of the Cessna twin-engine plane on Monday evening when her husband passed out, said Keith Kasbohm, director of Cherryland Airport near Sturgeon Bay.

Another pilot took to the skies to guide Collins to the ground, but she had to land the aircraft herself.

Kasbohm described Collins as "cool, calm and collected on the radio" as the aircraft made a hard landing and skidded about 1,000 feet before coming to rest.

Collins' 81-year-old husband, John, was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

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Foreign Affairs

Ex-ambassador cleared by review

Canada's ex-ambassador to Libya has been cleared of any suggestion of conflict of interest in an internal review by the Foreign Affairs Department.

Sandra McCardell left her post as ambassador to Libya after a story surfaced that her husband had a job with Montreal engineering firm SNC-Lavalin, one of the major Canadian companies doing business in the North African country prior to the fall of Moammar Gadhafi last year.

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Gunman taunted before killing spree: Police

This is an undated family photo provided by Daniel Sim showing himself with his sister Lydia Sim. Lydia, a 21-year-old student, was among the seven killed at the shooting in Oakland on Monday. DANIEL SIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Premeditated rampage. South Korean nursing student was teased about his poor English skills prior to rampage

A nursing student expelled from a small Christian university and upset about being teased over his poor English skills opened fire at the school, going from room to room in a rampage that left six students and a secretary dead, police said Tuesday.

One L. Goh, 43, forced the secretary into a classroom at Oikos University in Oakland on Monday, told people to line up and, when some didn't co-operate, began his shooting spree, police Chief Howard Jordan said.

"It's very, very sad," Jordan said. "We have seven people who didn't deserve to die and three others wounded because (of) someone who couldn't deal with the pressures of life."

Goh, a South Korea native who became a U.S. citizen, was expelled in January for behavioural problems from the small private school of fewer than 100 students, Jordan said. The chief said Goh had anger-management issues with other students.

Jordan said Goh appeared to have been planning the attack for several weeks.

Goh was upset with administrators and several students at the college, which an official said offered classes in Korean and English and was founded to help Korean immigrants adjust to a new country and find careers in nursing and ministry.

"They disrespected him, laughed at him," Jordan said. "They made fun of his lack of English-speaking skills. It made him feel isolated."

Jordan said Goh tried to find a female administrator Monday and began shooting when he learned she wasn't there. The victims, who range in age from 21 to 40, were from various countries, including Nigeria, Nepal and the Philippines.

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Deadly drone strikes. Political fallout in Pakistan thwarts completion of U.S. mission in Afghanistan

U.S. diplomatic efforts to persuade Pakistan to reopen NATO supply lines to the Afghan war are proving no match for rampant anti-Americanism there, with Pakistani lawmakers increasingly unwilling to support a decision that risks them branded as friends of Washington.

Opposition legislators are demanding that the U.S. end its drone strikes against militants as a precondition, complicating U.S. strategies for winding down the 10-year war just weeks before a major NATO conference in President Barack Obama's hometown of Chicago.

Relations between the U.S. and Pakistan have been marked by mistrust since the two countries were thrust together following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, but shared interests — near-bankrupt Pakistan needs American aid, America needs Pakistan's support against al-Qaida — had kept the alliance more or less intact.

That changed in November when U.S. airstrikes inadvertently killed 24 Pakistani troops on the Afghan border, triggering nationwide outrage and retaliation from Pakistan, which suspended diplomatic contacts and blocked vital land routes for U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan.

Since then, hardline Islamist and banned militant groups have staged large rallies around the country against any move to reopen the supply lines.

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Bankers call for moratorium on proposed reforms

Finance. Don't overburden the banks, argues CBA president

Canada's bankers want to apply the brakes on sweeping new regulations being forced on them as a result of the 2008 financial collapse, possibly putting them on a collision course with the government and the Bank of Canada.

Canadian Bankers Association president Terry Campbell surprised a luncheon of policy-makers and industry executives Tuesday with a call for Ottawa to push the pause button on future reforms.

"We are facing the biggest regulatory implementation exercise the Canadian banking industry has ever undergone, and it is not done yet," he said.

"I think it would be useful for the federal government to hit the 'pause' button."

Commons finance committee chair James Rajotte, a Conservative MP from Alberta, seemed surprised by the appeal, but said afterwards if bankers have concerns, "we will certainly listen."

The proposal puts the private sector banks potentially in conflict with Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, who as head of the Swiss-based Financial Stability Board has been a leading proponent of the reform process and has had little patience with what he has called "back-sliding."

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Managing the market

- CBA president Terry Campbell said regulations are so complex and require so many resources for compliance that they could drive smaller financial institutions out of the market, resulting in less competition.

No longer heir apparent

James Murdoch gestures as he leaves his father Rupert Murdoch's residence in central London last July. Murdoch, 39, stepped down Tuesday as chairman of British Sky Broadcasting, surrendering one of the biggest jobs in the Murdoch media empire. Murdoch's credibility had come under question due to the phone-hacking scandal at the now-defunct News of the World tabloid. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Brewery bought

Molson Coors acquires StarBev

Molson Coors is looking to offset declining North American beer demand by acquiring leading Central and Eastern European beer maker StarBev for $3.5 billion US.

The deal will add nine breweries and 4,100 employees in several countries to Molson Coors, and should offer the company better growth opportunities in the beer-friendly European market.

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Market Minute

DOLLAR $100.97¢ US (-0.01¢)

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THOSE DARN SPACE ROCKS PULLING PRANKS, AGAIN

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The end is near.

Now that I've got your attention, it's more like a near-miss.

On April 1, an asteroid the size of a 747 missed slamming into Earth at roughly 48,000 km/h when it zipped between the Earth and the moon, the cosmic equivalent of a hair's breadth.

Even though it happened on April Fool's Day, I'm not foolin'.

And as I write, there's another one coming.

If you're reading this, we've dodged a bullet called 2012 FA57, which was scheduled to fly past the neighbourhood just beyond the orbit of the moon … today.

It turns out these giant space rocks are whizzing around our heads all the time. The April Fool asteroid followed in the wake of one the size of a school bus and another the size of a car last week. They may be relatively small, but their size makes them no less scary.

Superstitious?

And if it misses on Friday the 13th, 2029, it gets another chance exactly seven years later on Friday the 13th, 2036!

According to Marshall Brain of HowStuffWorks, if an asteroid the size of a house crashed into the planet, it would have the energy of a bomb equivalent to the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A 747-sized rock is bigger than a house and would have the impact of a much, much larger H-bomb.

Grim news. And you have to believe stuff that comes from a guy named Marshall Brain.

These so-called little shots are tricky, precisely because they are small enough to elude detection until it's too late to do anything about them. But they are nothing compared to the threat of Apophis, which is scheduled to narrowly miss Earth on — get this — Friday the 13th, 2029. Apophis is named after the Egyptian god of darkness and chaos, one bad dude. A direct hit would unleash the energy of 65,000 nukes, according to NASA.

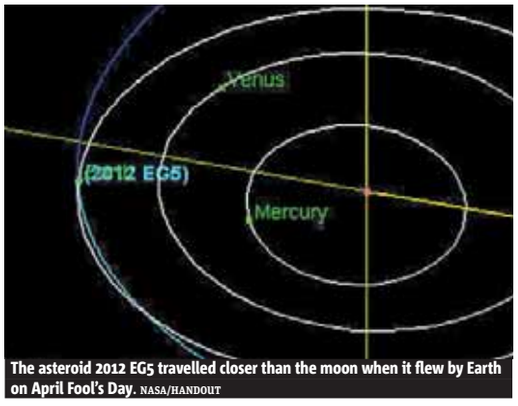
And if it misses on Friday the 13th, 2029, it gets another chance exactly seven years later on a Friday the 13th, 2036!

So the end could indeed be near. Admittedly, it's a long shot, but at one in 48,000 it's still greater than your chance of getting killed in a plane crash, which is one in 355,000.

Fortunately, there is a stalwart band of scientists at NASA's Near-Earth Object Program who do nothing but watch the skies. They can see Apophis coming a long way off because it's 320 metres across. But they didn't discover the one that just missed until March 13, which is too late, baby. It would take two years to mount an effort to discourage an asteroid from burying its head into the bosom of Mother Earth.

So, that guy in the cartoon with the "Repent! The End is Near!" sign and the haunted look? He's not so far off the beam.

Good thing you've led a blameless life to date, so there's nothing to worry about.



The asteroid 2012 EG5 travelled closer than the moon when it flew by Earth on April Fool's Day. NASA/HANDOUT

Mom, not in front of everyone!

BARBARA SCHEER/WUPPERTAL ZOO

Say hi

Polar-bear cub makes world debut

WUPPERTAL, GERMANY. She may be less than three months old but in Germany this polar bear cub is already a big celebrity. This is Anori — pictured with her mother Vilma — who has just made her first public appearance. The little bear seemed completely at ease in her outdoor pen, despite onlookers and flashing cameras. **METRO**

Time to shine

In her, they see brother Knut

CELEBRITY. What makes this polar bear so famous? Anori shares a father with Knut, a cub that won the world's affection after his mother rejected him as a baby and he was raised by zookeepers. Such was Knut's acclaim that he even starred in his own film, Knut & Friends, which went on to win rave reviews worldwide. **METRO**

Anori the polar bear

Disappearing act

25,000

polar bears are left in the world, according to conservation group Polar Bears International.
The disappearance of sea ice has forced polar bears away from their usual feeding grounds. The Arctic summer sea ice will vanish by 2030, experts claim.

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@keithpinthecity: WAIT - Bill O'Reilly is defending the right of the transgendered woman to compete in Miss Universe? #mindblown

@Want_Chyi: Happy to hear transexual Jenna Talackova has been reinstated to compete in Miss Universe!

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Scene in brief

More downward-facing dogs for Baldwin?

Alec Baldwin is giving marriage another shot. The actor popped the question over the weekend to his 28-year-old yoga instructor girlfriend, Hilaria Thomas, whom he started dating last year. His publicist Matthew Hiltzik made the engagement announcement over Twitter. Baldwin, who once starred in a film called The Marrying Man, turns 54 on Tuesday and an engagement, says Hiltzik, is a "great way to celebrate!" Baldwin was previously married to Kim Basinger. They have a daughter together named Ireland. He published a book in 2008 called A Promise to Ourselves about his personal experience dealing with divorce and his battle with Basinger over custody of their daughter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web

Luck creative duo defend safety of racing drama halted after three horse deaths; a 'bitter' end

The Rolling Stones with Mick Jagger, left, Ronnie Wood, Charlie Watts and Keith Richards on April 2, 2008 in London, England GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

Why we love the Stones

The beat goes on. This month marks the golden jubilee of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band

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As many wonder how Keith Richards has even lived this long, we give you 15 reasons to love the Stones, the band that's existed for half a century.

1. *Jagger/Richards:* It really all comes down to this: It's an artistic tug-of-war between words (Mick) and music (Keef), sex (Mick) and drugs (Keef), and every negative/positive charge that this songwriting partnership represents.

2. *Brian Jones:* By all accounts Jones founded and named the band, though the role of the second guitarist and multi-instrumentalist diminished progressively as he got more into drugs and less into fame. Mick and Keith fired him in June of 1969 and a month later he was found dead at the bottom of his swimming pool, only adding to the dark, mysterious aura of the Stones.

3. *Charlie Watts:* The drummer with the stoic face has not only been keeping the beat for the band for 50 years, but he has reportedly been keeping the faith with his wife of 47 years. Only after seeing the multiple dirty documentaries of the Stones' 1970s tours, does one realize how amazing this accomplishment is.

4. *Mick Taylor:* The guitarist joined the band at age 20 in 1969 and was only a Rolling Stone for five years and six albums, a period which was arguably the band's best.

5. *Ronnie Wood:* After serving as Rod Stewart's foil in The Faces, he replaced Taylor in 1975. He is the longest-reigning second guitarist, and the guitarist who looks the second-best with a guitar hanging on his bottom lip.

6. *Bill Wyman:* No, he was never smiling when the camera zoomed in on him in the videos, but there's something so weirdly likable about Wyman as the bassist.

7. *Darryl Jones:* Jones came on the scene almost 20 years ago (!) Yes, it's been that long since Bill Wyman left the band.

8. *Anybody else who has ever played with the band:* The Stones knew how to bring in guests, from the London Bach Choir on You Can't Always Get What You Want to Merry Clayton's killer singing on Gimme Shelter to sax man Bobby Keys on Exile on Main Street to the frequent keyboard guest spots by Billy Preston, Nicky Hopkins and Ian Stewart.

Reasons to love the Stones

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Mick's dancing.

10. *The name:* No, it didn't come from Dylan's Like a Rolling Stone, although the guys did record that song in the '90s. It came from Muddy Waters' 1950 song, Rollin' Stone.

11. *The logo:* Whether or not it's based on Mick's mouth doesn't matter. It's red and juicy and it has absolutely nothing to do with a stone that's rolling, but it has everything to do with rock 'n' roll.

12. *Andrew Loog Oldham:* If it weren't for the Stones' manager and producer in the early years, the Stones might have stayed a relatively clean cut wannabe Beatles act.

13. *(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction:* Keef historically recorded this guitar figure before passing out, and went back to listen the next day and amongst the documents of his snoring, heard this amazing elementary riff.

14. *The comma in the title, Paint It, Black*

15. *Ruby Tuesday:* Try to forget that it's the name of an American chain restaurant and listen to the song like it's the first time you've ever heard it. Holy amazingness! That buzzing cello, that bassy tuba, the beautiful recorder, the deep low notes that Mick hits in the verses!

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Russell Brand gives up rights of home to Katy Perry

Russell Brand ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Russell Brand was apparently serious when he said he didn't want anything from Katy Perry in their divorce, as the British comedian has reportedly given Perry all the rights to the $6.5 million Hollywood Hills home they purchased while married, according to TMZ.

"It's all part of the property settlement agreed between Russell and Katy," a source says of their divorce proceedings.

Perry and Brand snatched up the eight-bedroom, nine-bathroom home six months before Brand filed for divorce.

They had not signed a prenuptial agreement.

Ashton Kutcher

Ashton Kutcher buys house before Bieber can

Ashton Kutcher has been enjoying his rented Hollywood Hills bachelor pad so much that he decided to buy it, according to TMZ.

So what spurred on the sudden decision?

Competition from Justin Bieber, who was reportedly eyeing the $10.8 million property.

"I had to buy the house because I thought he was going to buy it out from under me," Ashton jokes during an interview with Jimmy Kimmel.

"I was like, 'I don't want to lose this house.' He forced me to buy a house."

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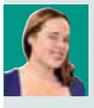

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Levi Johnston, a high-school drop out who is famous for knocking up someone kind of famous from an infamous political family, is using his super sperm to get back into the news cycle.

It was announced yesterday that the 21-year-old is expecting a baby with his Wasilla, Alaska school teacher girlfriend, Sunny Oglesby, 20.

TMZ.com reports that Oglesby is only around three-months pregnant and that Johnston is "so excited" about having a new baby out of wedlock.

This is most likely because Bristol Palin (along with her mom and dad) haven't been too accommodating about seeing his son Tripp.

I know Alaska is remote, but if Sarah Palin could see Russia from her house, how hard could it be for Johnston to spot a stack of Trojans at the Rite Aid?

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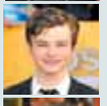
@ActuallyNPH
I wanna give my 3 millionth (!) follower something cool. How would one quantify that? Is there some sort of log?



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Rihanna

Rihanna looks to play Whitney Houston in biopic

Rihanna has her sights set on the role of a lifetime: playing Whitney Houston in a biopic about the late singer.

"That would be something that I would have to give my entire life to do, because I would really want to pull it off," she tells the Press Association. "My first song that I remember falling in love with was a Whitney Houston song: I Will Always Love You. It was really inspiring, and it made me develop a passion for music, so really, she's partly responsible for me being here in this industry."

Of course, first there needs to be a movie to star in, and while producer Clive Davis was reportedly putting one together, his rep has shot down that rumor, saying, "There is no truth to this. Clive is not putting together a biopic."

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Travel in brief

Iceland chills on hotel rates

Hotel rates in Iceland have dropped 12 per cent since 2010, making the country's capital Reykjavik an "affordable European hot spot," says Travel and Leisure magazine. "Iceland's price points aren't at their rock-bottom 2008 levels, but they're still low," says the magazine. Icelandair resumed seasonal service from Canada on March 28, with four flights a week from Toronto to Reykjavik until November. Seasonal flights from Halifax resume June 7 with up to three flights weekly through October. The city is among several European destinations that Travel and Leisure deems "affordable" due to lower prices for hotels, meals or other expenses.

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On the Web

Montreal's iron icons: winding outdoor staircases win contest of local landmarks

The traveller of today

The most important aspect of a vacation for our readers is the ability to 'do nothing and relax.'

Poll. In Metro's worldwide survey, we asked you what's important when on vacation and here's what we found out

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The environment

Who said you were a thoughtless, tech-crazed urbanite? Although your number one answer when asked about your travel attitudes was "vacations to me mean doing nothing and relaxing," a close number two was that you take actions to "reduce the environmental impact" of your travelling.

Here's an idea: Choose a holiday with a difference. Why not travel to Costa Rica where you can surf, eat cheap sushi and save sea turtles? If you're more of a passive environmentalist, reduce your carbon footprint by making small changes like taking a train rather than a plane or staying in an eco resort and not a big chain hotel. For more ideas head to ecotourism.org.

The web

There's a reason why half the travel agents in your neighbourhood have closed. More than half of you decide on a destination after having looked it up on the Internet. From there, 81 per cent will go on to plan their itinerary online.

Here's an idea: By now, you probably know what travel site offers the best fares, but we're partial to bing.com — a site we generally ignore. Their Farecaster technology predicts if a flight's cost may go up or down in a coming month.

Special offers

Although 34 per cent of those polled planned their summer vacation up to three months in advance, for many it's a last-minute decision based on what special offer is available at the time. Travel cost is a major issue (98 per cent considered it 'very important') but package deals allow you to leave with a set budget. Aside from the odd gift or splurge, you shouldn't spend more than planned.

Here's an idea: Sign up for daily email alerts from websites that sell discount deals such as Groupon or Living Social or Save My Day (brought to you by Metro). Offers include anything from a cruise in the Mediterranean to a wine tasting in South Africa — often with spaces to fill.

City and Sunshine

All it seems readers want (well, 63 per cent of them) is sunshine and access to a beach. This doesn't mean they want to shut themselves off from the world on a desert island — 30 per cent can't bear to be away from the city for too long.

Cannes offers sun and fun.

Here's an idea: Put two and two together and travel to a sunny city on the coast. Istanbul, Cannes, Barcelona or Los Angeles — these are all cosmopolitan cities blessed with sunny weather and beautiful beaches.

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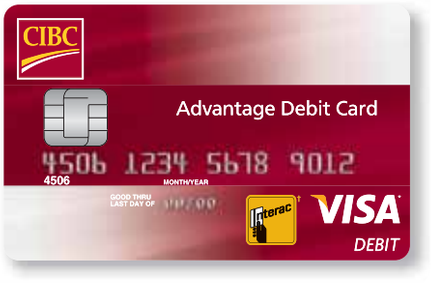

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Some Rome ... away from Rome

Morocco. This North African country is known for its beaches and exotic markets, but it has some great Roman ruins, too

Visitors to Morocco usually head straight for the beaches or plunge into the winding alleys of exotic medieval markets, but this rich North African country also has a wealth of ruins from its days as a Roman colony. Few visit Morocco's handful of 2,000-year-old sites, but they are well worth the side trip.

Volubilis

The jewel in the crown of Morocco's Roman ruins is certainly Volubilis, located at the foot of the Atlas mountains in a sweeping valley filled with olive and almond trees. This city of 20,000 was the westernmost extremity of an empire that once stretched to the gates of Persia. The site is dominated by the remains of the grand public buildings around the forum, with the impressive arches of the Basilica courthouse arrayed in front of pillars of the temple to the god Jupiter — now topped by bushy stork nests.

Sala Colonia

The grounds are a little better maintained in the ruins of Sala Colonia, conveniently located in the capital Rabat, where the remains of a Roman settlement were incorporated into a medieval necropolis called the Chellah. The ruins are not quite as extensive as Volubilis and there are no labels, so it takes a bit of imagination to reanimate the fallen pillars and fragments of carved stone littering the paved floor of the forum.

Lixus

Farther north along the coast is Lixus. The once thriving port city sits on a hill over the looping folds of the winding Loukkos river.

Around the base of the hill are a series of deep pits and arches from the factories that made its principal export to Rome: a paste made of fermented fish entrails known as garum.

Since making garum was a smelly business and the factories were always on the edge of town, you have to walk up the hill to find the city proper.

Halfway up the half hour trip to the summit, the path opens up to a partially restored amphitheatre with a stunning view of the flat valley below. The deep pit at the base of the rows of seats suggests that animal and gladiator combats took place here.

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If you go...

- **Volubilis.** Volubilis is just 30 kilometres north of the major tourist destination of Meknes and is included on some tourist itineraries.
- **Sala Colonia.** The Chellah that encloses the Roman remains is right outside downtown Rabat.
- **Lixus.** The ruins of Lixus are two hours north of Rabat by car on a nice freeway and next to the lovely beaches of Larache.

The afternoon sun shines on the arches of the Basilica, the main administrative building in the ancient Roman city of Volubilis, near Meknes, Morocco. ABDELJALIL BOUNHAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Getting chummy with sand sharks in the Bahamas

Abaco Islands. Fresh fish washed down with some Kalik beer is the perfect way to enjoy a lazy afternoon in a tropical paradise

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Brave members of Mike Dojc's party fed scraps to the sharks. MIKE DOJC/METRO

Radio Abaco is the lone station on this sun-drenched northwestern swath of the Bahamian archipelago with reception as gin clear as the invitingly warm waters.

The hosts are having a spirited debate on the merits of sweethearting, the colloquial expression for the practice of married men keeping another woman on the side.

"You're not having an affair, you have a sweetheart," explains my guide Ambrose. "It's infamous here. Men go to work and when they get paid they divvy up what is for their wife and family and to take care of the bills and such and then what is for the sweetheart, so he has two homes."

The philandering food for thought creates a people-watching guessing game 'wife or sweetheart' while ferrying to Elbow Cay to visit Abaco's candy-striped lighthouse and touring Hope Town, a charming outpost settled by British loyalists following the American Revolution. Among the colourful abodes is the Wyannie Malone Museum, well worth popping in to soak up some island history. After missing an afternoon ferry back to Marsh Harbour we joke that we might as well go trolling for sweethearts while waiting an hour for the next boat to arrive.

The next morning, a chase is definitely on, albeit one with much fewer moral repercussions. After a 20-minute ride from Green Turtle Cay skipped by Lincoln Jones, the proprietor of Lincoln's Island Adventures, we baited our hooks with a chopped up minnow and went fishing for yellow-tailed snapper. I got lucky with my virgin cast. After a spirited fight that nearly jerked me overboard, I reel her in, free her of the hook and toss her into the well. Before we drop anchor at Munjack Cay for lunch I'll catch three more.

I saunter down the bleach-white sands and wade into knee-depth waters to examine the dozen-odd orangey starfish speckling the ocean's floor. Braver members of our party feed fish scraps to the nearby sand sharks. Meanwhile Lincoln and his son Marcus cook up our catch, which we wash down with Kalik beer and a jug of pre-mixed Goombay Smash cocktails.

Quick tip

- **Eat.** The Bahamian Isle is famous for its abundance of conch. Try conch salad, a cerviche preparation, garnished with tomatoes and cucumbers as well as cracked conch, conch soup, conch fritters and conch sashimi.

The waters are as clear as the radio reception on the Abaco Islands MIKE DOJC/METRO

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Forger gets his own art exhibit

Art exhibit. Forger who donates 'famous' works to unsuspecting museums gets exhibit — which educates public about fraud

Fool me once, shame on me, the saying goes. But 50 times? That's what a convincing art forger did for nearly three decades when he donated his copies of Picassos and other works of art to unsuspecting museums in 20 American states.

Mark A. Landis, who has dressed as a Jesuit priest or posed as a wealthy donor driving up in a red Cadillac, apparently never took money for his forgeries and has never been arrested.

Now his "works" have been collected into their own tongue-in-cheek exhibit, called Faux Real, which opened on April Fools' Day at the University of Cincinnati.

Educating people about forgery and letting people know about Landis "is the only way to stop him," said Mark Tullos, director of the Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum in Lafayette, La., which was duped in 2010 with a donation of a painting supposedly by American Charles Courtney Curran.

Landis creates works in oil, watercolour, pastels, chalk, ink and pencil, making most of his copies from museum or auction catalogues that provide dimensions and information on the originals.

He sometimes bestows gifts under different names, such as the Father Arthur Scott alias used at Hilliard. In that case, he told officials that his dead mother had left works including Curran's oil-on-wood painting Three Women and that he was donating it in her memory.

Tullos said museum employees became suspicious when Landis kept changing the subject under questioning. After he drove off, the museum quickly concluded it was a forgery.

To convince museums he is a philanthropist, he also concocts elaborate stories about health concerns, said Cincinnati exhibit co-curator Matthew Leininger.

Landis, 57, acknowledges what he's up to. He told The Associated Press in a phone interview from his home in Laurel, Miss., that he made his first forgery donation to a California museum in 1985.

"They were so nice. I just got used to that, and one thing led to another," he said. "It never occurred to me that anyone would think it was wrong."

The Faux Real show will run through May 20 at the Dorothy W. and C. Lawson Reed Jr. Gallery.

Art experts say not accepting payment for his forgeries has helped keep Landis from being charged with a crime. Museum officials say forgeries can hurt their reputation and cost time and money researching suspected fraud.

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Landis' forgery of an original work by 19th-century French painter William-Adolphe Bouguereau.

Lynn Crawford makes Easter dinner easy

Honey Mustard Ham with Apples & Inniskillin Riesling

This recipe serves eight to 10 people. PROVIDED

The Easter-long weekend is fast approaching and what does that mean?

Scavenger hunts, egg painting, bunny appearances, chocolate (too much chocolate) and of course, the big family dinner.

In keeping with the spirit of a holiday steeped in fun traditions, Inniskillin Wines and Chef Lynn Crawford created a long-weekend menu that packs just as much playfulness.

"This menu was important to me because Easter dinner has been a long-standing tradition in the Crawford family, and so has Easter brunch. I wanted to create something that was reminiscent of home. After all, that's what this weekend is all about — cooking, eating, and enjoying great company," says Crawford.

This ham pairs perfect with Riesling or Pinot Noir.

1. Preheat the oven to 300 F.

2. Put the ham in a large roasting pan, skin side up. Using a sharp knife, score the ham with cuts across the skin, about 2-inches apart and 1/2-inch deep. Cut diagonally down the slashes to form a diamond pattern.

3. Season the ham generously with salt and pepper. Mix the herbs, mustard and oil to make a paste. Rub the herb mixture over the ham, being sure to get the flavour into all the slits. Bake the ham for 2 hours.

4. For the glaze, place a saucepan over medium heat. Add the chunks of butter, apples, shallots, garlic apple juice, brown sugar, water, and spices. Slowly cook the liquid down to a chunky, syrupy glaze, about 40 to 50 minutes.

5. Pour the apple mustard glaze over the ham and continue to cook for about 1 1/2 hours, basting with the juices every 30 minutes. Set the ham on a cutting board to rest before carving.

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- 1 (8 to 10-pound) smoked ham, bone-in, skin on
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp thyme leaves, chopped
- 2 tbsp sage leaves, chopped
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
- 3 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut in chunks
- 3 Gala apples, cored and thinly sliced
- 3-4 shallots, peeled, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 cups apple cider
- 1/2 cup Inniskillin Riesling
- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 tsp whole cloves
- 2 cinnamon sticks

Niagara Gold Cheese Potato Gratin. Spotlight local

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Butter 8-inch square baking dish with 1 tbsp of butter.

2. Combine garlic, potatoes, remaining butter, thyme and bay leaf in large saucepan over medium-high heat and bring to boil.

3. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg and cook, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are just tender and mix has thickened, about 10 minutes.

4. Transfer mix to baking dish and sprinkle cheese over gratin and bake until golden brown and bubble about 30-40 minutes. LYNN CRAWFORD/ INNISKILLIN WINES

Ingredients

- 5 tbsp unsalted butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 large red bliss potatoes, about 2.5 pounds, peeled and cut into 1/8" rounds
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 sprig thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1 cup Niagara gold cheese, grated
- Salt and pepper

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A guide to giving back

So you want to be a volunteer. Follow these steps to find a cause befitting to your career aspirations

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• Research the causes or issues that are important to you: Find or create an organization that focuses on issues you're passionate about.

• Consider the skills you have to offer: Share skills that you use all day at work or that you have gained from a hobby or other experiences. Organizations requiring volunteers usually offer some training, but excessive training is costly and defeats the purpose of hiring volunteers.

• Seek opportunities where you can learn something new: This can be exciting, rewarding, and good for career development.

• Combine your goals: Look for volunteer opportunities that will also help you achieve your other goals for your life, whether personal or professional.

• Don't over-commit your schedule: Be up front about how many hours you can commit to the organization. You don't want to frustrate the organization or overwhelm yourself.

Applications and interviews are good things

You might be interviewed and expected to fill out an application, just like for a job. This is done to match you to tasks based on your skills and to ensure that you're committed.

It's probably a good thing that an organization does this, so don't let it scare you away. You are much more likely to find a meaningful volunteer position at an organization that puts time and planning into hiring their volunteers.

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Questions

What to ask an organization you are interested in volunteering for:

- Will you have to sign a liability release form so that the organization is not liable for any accidents you might have? This is especially important if you will be driving.
- How many hours will you be expected to commit each week?
- How long will your training be?
- Is there a time commitment in terms of months?
- Will you need a police check?

Student Voice

Give a little, get a little

Heather Mundle
Recent graduate from Carleton University's mass communications program and Algonquin College's public relations program.
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Heather Mundle PROVIDED

The summer search for jobs is something all of us students are facing right now. It's April and most of us are getting squirmy for when the next big break is going to come.

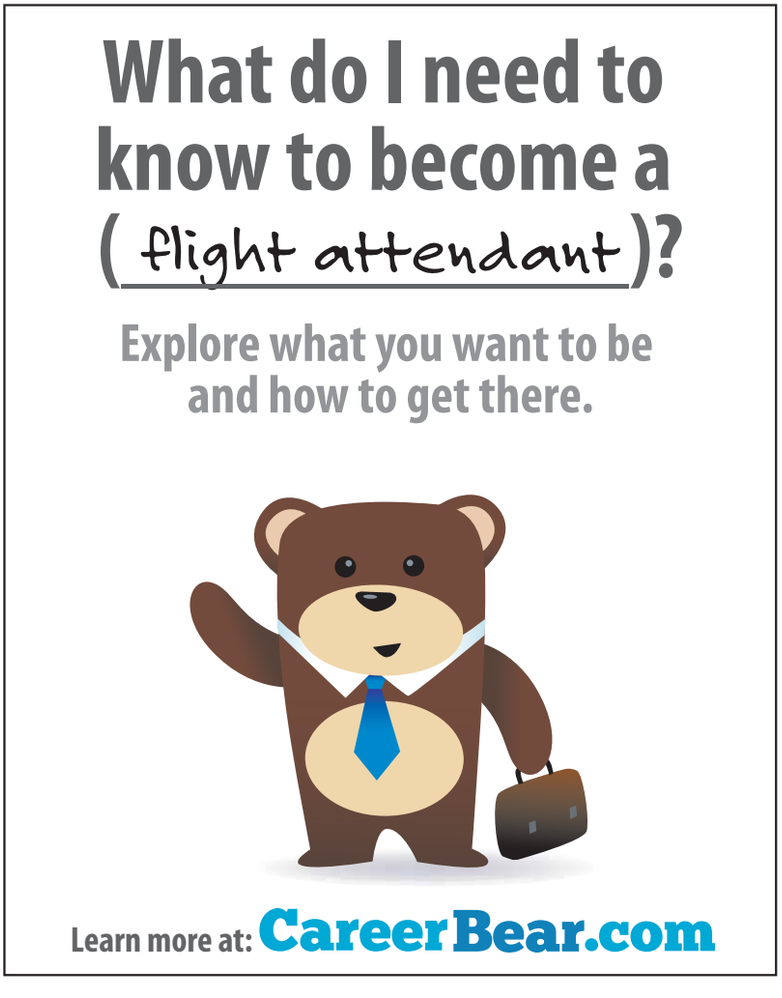
As a public relations student and graduate, I have learned that opportunities are not just thrown at you; you need to search them out for yourself and be willing to jump quickly into a new venture.

After attending Carleton University for a Bachelor of Arts in mass communications, I went with leaps and bounds to Algonquin College for public relations. The combination of university taught me how to think while the practical, hands-on experience of the college setting is a push in the right direction toward a career.

At Algonquin, I also learned the value of volunteering and sharing your experience with others. I made volunteering my only job where I have tried out public relations, marketing work, event planning and social media work. It is so great to lend a helping hand, gain some valuable experience and meet some wonderful friends and mentors along the way.

I think that in the university setting there needs to be more of a focus on volunteering in the community. It is one of the best ways to learn more about your field of study in a real world setting instead of asking yourself, "Now what am I going to do with this degree?"

Volunteering allows you to test out an area of interest before you are ready to make the big leap from student to career.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Sashay your way into the fashion industry

Success in style.
Author Michele Granger explains how to knock down fashion's front door

BRUCE WALSH
Metro World News in Philadelphia

Missouri State professor Michele Granger wrote the book on breaking into the fashion industry — three times over. Fashion Entrepreneur-ship: Retail Business Planning and The Fashion Intern are both in their second editions.

Plus, Fashion: The Industry and Its Careers is a must-read for anyone curious about a career in the fashion field.

A part-time retail job is a great way to see if you'll measure up in the fashion world. ISTOCK

Look good, do good?

Is there room for altruism in a fashion-industry career?

- "There are more and more non-profits and others within the industry doing wonderful work: Housing Works and TOMS are just two. A lot of students say, "I don't want to be part of an industry that's frivolous and wasteful." We make sure to cover moral and ethical issues in our coursework at Missouri State, and any good program should do that."

What's a good first step for breaking into the fashion industry?

Retail work — especially for kids that are still in high school. You get exposed to the products, management and sales.

For college students, it's a step they can take before they move in at a higher level after graduation.

What degrees should undergrads consider?

There are really two primary avenues. One is a degree in fashion design or fashion product development; the other is fashion merchandising. Design skews toward the artistic, creative people. Merchandising is more of the business end.

The fashion industry seems to embody a myriad of industries — from finance to creative design.

Fashion is a lifestyle. It runs the gamut: what you put in your house, your stationary, what you put on your body.

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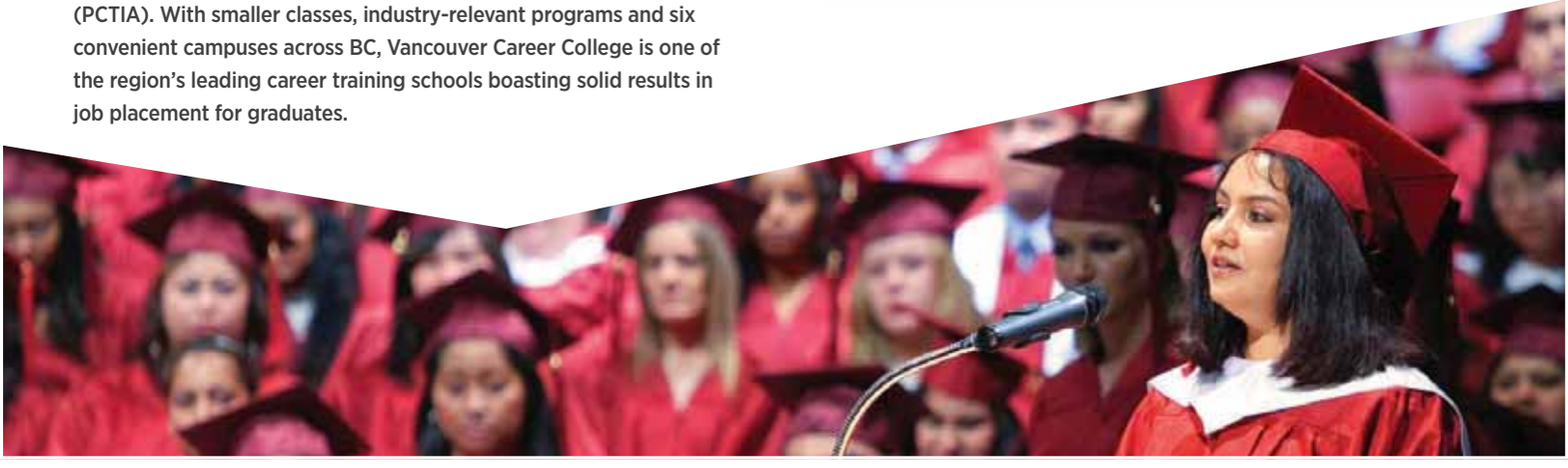

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SPORTS

MLS

Atiba suspended for one game

Vancouver Whitecaps striker Atiba Harris received a one-game suspension Tuesday for elbowing a Philadelphia Union player in the head last weekend. Harris delivered a late elbow on Union defender Carlos Valdes in the 65th minute of Saturday's 0-0 draw in Philadelphia.

On the web

Long overlooked and underfunded, the renamed Miami Marlins had top billing Tuesday as they played their first game at brand new Marlins Park against the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals to open the 2012 MLB regular season. Scan the code for the story.

Champions League

Messi's pair leads Barcelona to semis

Lionel Messi scored two first-half penalties to lead Barcelona to a 3-1 victory over AC Milan and a place in the Champions League semifinals for the fifth straight season on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curling

Canada's Howard continues to roll

Canada's Glenn Howard is alone at the top of the men's world curling championship and remains a favourite to play for his fourth career world title on the weekend.

Howard improved his record Tuesday by winning a 7-6 nailbiter over Switzerland before posting an 8-5 win over Denmark. Canada is the only unbeaten team left at 7-0. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

74%

Glenn Howard shot just 74 per cent against the Swiss but teammates Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing and Craig Savill each shot over 95 per cent.

NFL

Saints' appeals to be heard Thursday

Saints head coach Sean Payton, GM Mickey Loomis and assistant head coach Joe Vitt are set to have their appeals heard Thursday on punishments for their roles in New Orleans' bounty system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

"Maybe they (NHL) need Hollywood in the playoffs."

Edmonton coach Tom Renney on why his Oilers didn't get calls in their favour in a 2-0 loss to Los Angeles on Monday. The NHL fined Renney $10,000 US on Tuesday for the comments.

Canucks extend winning streak to seven games

NHL. Roberto Luongo pulled for Cory Schneider in second period before Vancouver battles back for the victory

Tuesday's game

4	5
Ducks	Canucks

Max Lapierre's shootout goal gave the Vancouver Canucks a comeback 5-4 victory over the Anaheim Ducks on Tuesday night.

The Western Conference-leading Canucks (50-21-9) posted their seventh straight win and moved three points ahead of the idle St. Louis Blues. Vancouver also retained a share of first place overall in the NHL with the New York Rangers. Both clubs have 109 points.

Lapierre also scored in regulation time. Alex Burrows led Vancouver with two goals while Chris Higgins had one as the Canucks rallied from a 4-2 second-period deficit.

Ryan Getzlaf, Cory Perry, Rod Pelly and Devante Smith-Pelley replied for the Ducks (33-35-12).

The Canucks outshot the Ducks 39-34. Vancouver was blanked on five power-play chances while Anaheim converted one of three.

The game remained scoreless for the first 13 minutes, but the clubs then produced four in about five minutes.

Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault replaced Luongo with Cory Schneider during the second period after the Ducks had scored their fourth goal. Schneider drew a loud cheer as he skated into the crease.

Schneider kept the Canucks in the game as he picked off a Pelly shot with his catching glove and robbed Ryan from in close.

In overtime, Schneider foiled Luca Sbisa on a hard slapshot from right wing.

The Canucks close out their regular season with a road game Thursday in Calgary and a home game Saturday against Edmonton. The Ducks' final games of 2011-12 are in Edmonton on Thursday and in Calgary on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ducks defenceman Luca Sbisa puts Zack Kassian into the boards Tuesday at Rogers Arena.
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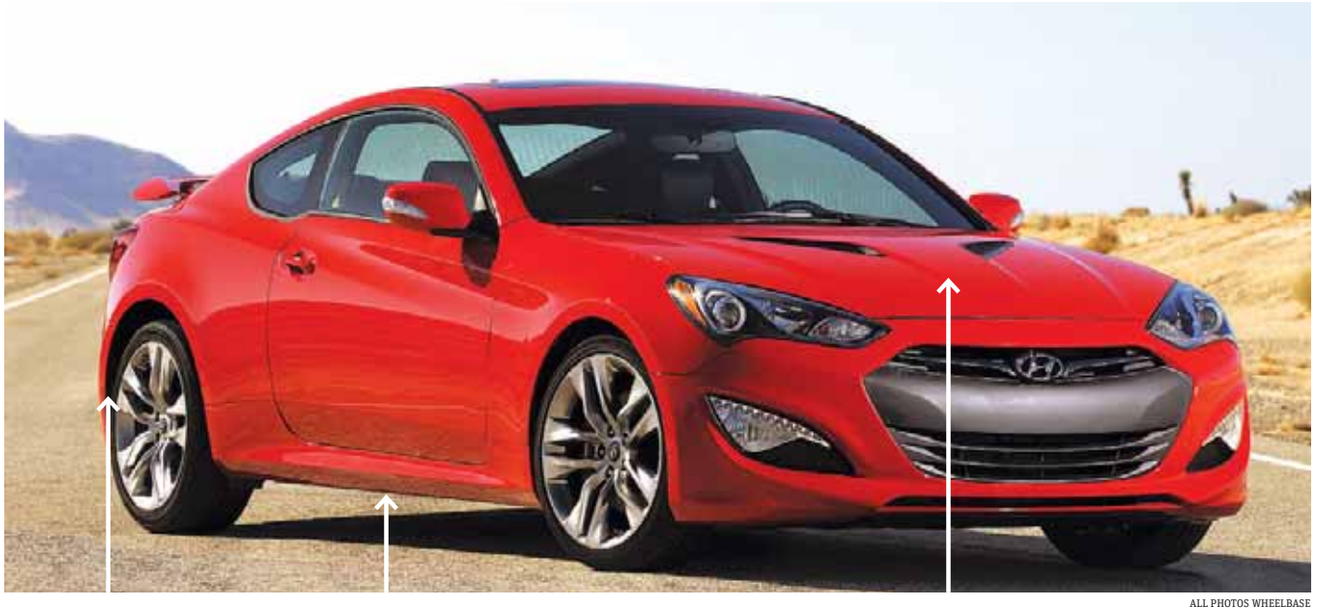

ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

Suspension

To accommodate the added power, Hyundai's engineers worked on the Coupe's suspension. That involved recalibrating the dampers and adding beefier anti-roll bars, but one of the cooler modifications is the addition of a "sound induction tube" that pipes in the exhaust notes for the enjoyment of the occupants.

Zero to 60

According to Hyundai, the revitalized V6 can propel the GT to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) from zero in the "lower five-second range," but the company hasn't yet divulged times for the four-cylinder 2.0 model. The Coupe also has a more aggressive nosepiece featuring Hyundai's open-mouth grille.

2013 Genesis Coupe

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive sport coupe.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (274); 3.8-litre DOHC V6 (348).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.4/6.4 (2.0, AT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $28,100.

The four-cylinder is up 64 horsepower to 274.

Engines

Both the base 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbo and optional 3.8-litre V6 have been power-enhanced and are accompanied by all-new optional eight-speed automatic transmissions with manual paddle shifters.

Updated six-speed manual gearboxes are standard.

Review. The Genesis coupe has rear-wheel drive and its V6 puts the boots to the Nissan 370Z, V6 Mustang, Camaro and Challenger

When Hyundai wants to upgrade, it doesn't mess around.

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

None of this five- or 10-horsepower stuff, or dressing it up with doilies and stickers.

In case you missed it, Hyundai's rear-drive four-seat coupe arrived for the 2010 model year and shares the Genesis name with its big-brother four-door sedan. The similarities end right about there, though.

While the sedan is all about cruising in style, the Coupe gets its kicks well away from the interstate, tackling two-lane back roads or, for some, smoking the tires and hanging the tail out on a closed autocross loop.

These and other activities will be significantly enhanced with the spring launch of the 2013 Coupe. Its arrival is indeed timely as this most unique Hyundai faces off against three new sporty competitors, including the front-wheel drive 2012 Mini Cooper Coupe plus the 2013 Scion FR-S and closely identical Subaru BRZ, which are both rear-wheel-drivers.

All four import-based cars form part of a "thin" market where sales volumes are low compared with sedans, wagons and pickup trucks and where each and every dotted-line conquest is critical.

Hyundai has bumped up the turbo Coupe's base price by about $1,600 to $28,100, while the 3.8 GT sees a $4,000 increase to $38,600.

That makes both editions a bit less financially appealing, but likely won't dissuade rapid-transit seekers who also appreciate an attractively packaged ride and the additional power.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Trailer travels in trunk

Motorcycle or ATV trailers are handy to have around, but they take up valuable space in your driveway or garage. Or do they? Trailer in a Bag has developed a product that weighs about 60 kilograms, will fit inside a duffel bag and can be stored in your vehicle when not in use. When assembled (without tools, by the way), you can tow up to two motorcycles or one ATV, up to a total of 2,000 pounds (910 kilograms). Options include running boards, fenders and a front-wheel chock to more securely hold your prized two-wheeler. Prices begin at $1,195 US for single-motorcycle models and $2,195 US for dual units and $2,595 US for ATV carriers. Fenders sell for an extra $150. Go to trailerinabag.com for more information and to order, or call 800-278-8387.

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‘Flawless?’ Some 911 owners think so

Second Gear.
2005 to 2008
Porsche 911

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Most buy the Porsche 911 for its performance, heritage, rich racing history, and for the status implied by its badge.

Delivery of a high-style, high-status and high-performance driving experience is part of the package.

The so-called “997” generation of this machine was available from 2005 to 2008, inclusive. It’s a unique and celebrated sports car, but certainly not one for every buyer’s budget.

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Common Issues

As with any high performance vehicle, parts and labour are pricey. Even changing tires and struts will run well into the thousands. Reports of leaky engine seals and niggling electrical issues have been made, so a full mechanical checkup and inspection of all on-board features should be considered mandatory. Note that reports of engine failure on earlier models in this generation aren’t uncommon. Apparently warped heads or a bad block design were to blame. An extended powertrain warranty isn’t a bad idea, if available.

Seek a Porsche mechanic’s opinion as to whether or not the vehicle has been abused or neglected, and question any signs of excessive wear and unusual noises.

Engine

Look for rear-mounted flat-six engines on all models, ranging from 325 to 530 horsepower, depending on the model selected. Automatic or manual transmission were available, as were rear or all-wheel drive.

What Owners Like

Everyday usability, performance, style, status and practicality are all highly rated by 911 owners. Fuel mileage and relative comfort are other positives. Descriptors like “flawless” or “perfect” come up frequently in owners forums.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints are minor, though they mainly deal with limited trunk and rear seat space, and expensive factory options.

Verdict

The pleasure of driving a 911 should outweigh the potential costs — but don’t let your guard down when shopping. Patience and research are key to success here.

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When metal gets compressed, priorities change

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I'm not the first person to be driving along in perfect safety and serenity to be suddenly broadsided by another vehicle, and vaulted into that country called accident-land.

So many of you know what that feels like.

One moment you're driving along listening to Anne Murray or Black Sabbath, and the next there's a huge BANG. Instead of ending up where you planned, your day suddenly shifts to one populated by police, ambulance attendants, mangled machinery, tow trucks, witnesses and rental cars. A lot of cell phoning. A lot of standing around by the side of the road.

And a lot of going over the accident in your head.

Since it happened, a few months ago, I must have replayed that tape hundreds of times. I can't remember what socks I put on this morning, but every detail of those few moments before and after impact are available to me anytime I want in full HD. And I'm always surprised at how much information I was able to take in during those brief moments, like the metal got compressed, and so did time.

Quote

"When push comes to shove, as it does in vehicle accidents, you are once again made aware of how far down the priority list are vehicles from the thing at the very top of the priority list — people."

The tape goes something like this… A vehicle suddenly appears in my left periphery… What the?… That car shouldn't be there… What's going on?… Slam on the brakes… BANG… Diane screaming… The Mazda 626 deflected into the ditch… Can't believe we're not in pain…

We were shaken, but not internally stirred.

Moments earlier we were going dead straight on a lightly populated two-lane in the country, mid-morning in bright sunlight, en route to Ontario's Blue Mountain ski resort, to meet up with our friends Dave and Olga.

The car that hit us, had just turned left into our path, from a stop sign, intending to travel the same direction as us. That car's right front fender contacted our left front fender.

After making sure we weren't leaking, I ran out to yell at the other driver. I had to wait a bit. His car was veering erratically into a field, about 100 metres away from us. As soon as his car stopped, he scrambled out and ran up to us in the snow to see if we were all right. I was yelling at him most of the way.

A young guy. Said he didn't see us.

In retrospect, I should have asked if he was all right before yelling at him. That's one of the things I would do differently if I had to do it over again, which I won't. It's booked in that line of time nobody gets to change.

A lot of friendly folk stopped to help. Everybody on the scene, including police and ambulance attendants, couldn't have been more helpful or concerned. When push comes to shove, as it does in vehicle accidents, you are once again made aware of how far down the priority list are vehicles from the thing at the very top of the priority list — people.

The policeman on the scene said we were lucky. If we struck a bit earlier, we would have taken the blow by the driver's door. If we struck a bit later, we would have run into the back of him. There was a lot of meaty metal where we got together, and each car could deflect a lot of the energy by heading off in various, non-conflicting directions.

Our car was totalled. For someone who just lost a really decent car that I liked a lot, and would be really hard to replace at its going rate, I felt pretty good. Everyone, including me, was walking around, alive. Being alive is good.

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Across

1 Matlock's field
4 Goody-goody
8 Put together
12 Eggs
13 Top-rated
14 Pressing need
15 Football-game start
17 Opening day?
18 Tell
19 Father's Day gift
21 Nursery item
22 This way
26 Broadway backer
29 Pub order
30 Right-turn command
31 Upper House member
32 White House monogram
33 Verve
34 History chapter
35 Black-and-white seabird
36 Put forth
37 Decorate with raised work
39 Rock-concert need
40 Likely
41 Nap
45 Tarzan's clique
48 Kisser enhancement
50 Sandwich shop
51 Always
52 Cheerleader's cry
53 Thousand —, Calif.
54 Unit of force
55 Make an effort

Down

1 Sites
2 Shakespeare's river
3 Child of the streets
4 Beat
5 Spacious
6 Officeholders
7 "Whole exceeds sum of parts" theory
8 Countertop appliance
9 Branch
10 — good deed
11 Type measures
16 Famous
20 Bar supply
23 Eye amorously
24 Burn somewhat
25 Faxed
26 Sheltered
27 "Cheers" habitué
28 Snatch
29 Mail invitations
32 Sped
33 Vote off the island
35 Cleo's slayer
36 Political mover?
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39 Skiers' mecca
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43 Autocrat
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45 Big bother
46 Split — soup
47 Wapiti
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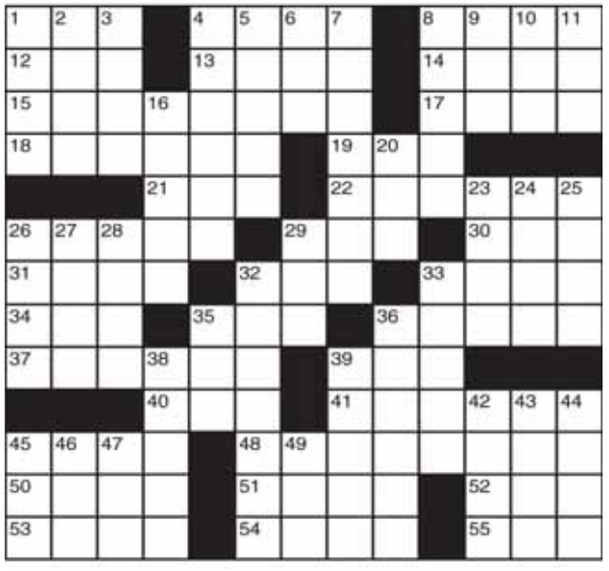

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	5	4	9	6	7	8	3	1
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6	3	8	2	9	1	5	4	7
1	4	9	7	5	3	2	8	6

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER SOME BLACK INK WAS FOUND TO BE GUILTY OF A CRIME, THEY WOUND UP PUTTING IT IN THE PEN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals U

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Why are you contemplating an extreme solution for a problem that is really quite simple?

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. With your ruler Mercury moving in your favour again you should be focusing on realities. They can be as enjoyable as fantasies.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. This is not a good day to believe you can do six impossible things before breakfast. You need to know your limits.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. In the greater scheme of things, there is no such thing as "good" or "bad" events. It all depends on how you look at them.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Use your eyes and ears today, and make sure you know what is actually going on in your world, rather than what other people tell you is going on.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. What you say today may not be greeted with universal acclaim but that does not matter.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Raise your sights and make sure you can see the bigger picture. You'll recognize the significance soon.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Take your mind off your troubles today by getting involved in a new creative activity.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Take time out for your own needs today and don't feel guilty if friends and family complain that you are being unsociable.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Someone will say something upsetting but you must not respond in kind. Just smile sweetly.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Mercury, planet of the mind, turns direct in your sign today and you will notice that your problems no longer seem such a big deal.

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